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28(currently amended). A method for reproducing information representative of signals recorded on a recording medium, wherein said recording medium is accommodated within a recording medium cartridge that includes a memory device separate from said recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

loading said recording medium cartridge into a reproducing apparatus;

transmitting at least some of said information from said memory device included in said recording medium cartridge to said reproducing apparatus; and

reproducing said signals in accordance with the transmitted information;

wherein said transmitted information includes data identifying at least two of said signals recorded on said recording medium and specifies a predetermined order for said identified signals, said predetermined order being different from the order in which said signals are recorded on said recording medium;

whereby said information is organized into a hierarchical structure that includes at least a recording medium information branch and a recording content information branch, said recording content information branch including at least two levels.

29(previously presented). The method according to claim 28, wherein said recording medium is a magnetic tape.

30(previously presented). The method according to claim 28, wherein said signals recorded on said recording medium include at least one video signal.

31(previously presented). The method according to claim 28, wherein said information stored in said memory device includes text data.

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33(currently amended). A method for reproducing information representative of signals recorded on a recording medium, said recording medium being accommodated within a recording medium cartridge that includes a memory device separate from said recording medium, wherein said information is stored in said memory device in the form of a plurality of data packets, the size and format of said data packets having been determined prior to the storing of said information in said memory device, ~~and wherein said information is organized according to a hierarchical structure, the hierarchical structure including at least two levels,~~ the method comprising the steps of:

loading said recording medium cartridge into a reproducing apparatus;
transmitting at least some of said information from said memory device included in said recording medium cartridge to said reproducing apparatus; and
reproducing said signals in accordance with the transmitted information;
wherein said transmitted information includes data identifying at least two of said signals recorded on said recording medium and specifies a predetermined order for said identified signals, said predetermined order being different from the order in which said signals are recorded on said recording medium;

whereby said information is organized into a hierarchical structure that includes at least a recording medium information branch and a recording content information branch, said recording content information branch including at least two levels.

34(previously presented). The method according to claim 33, wherein said recording medium is a magnetic tape.

35(previously presented). The method according to claim 33, wherein said signals recorded on said recording medium include at least one video signal.

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36(previously presented). The method according to claim 33, wherein each of said data packets includes a level code indicative of the level within said hierarchical structure to which the data packet corresponds.

37(canceled).
